

REMARKS

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner rejected claims 50 and 53-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,661,531 to Murphy et al. ("*Murphy*"), in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0070672 to Iwami et al. ("*Iwami*"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,751,299 to Denton et al. ("*Denton*"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,862,102 to Meisner et al. ("*Meisner*"); allowed claims 1-6, 13-18, 25-30, 37-39, 41-44, and 46-49; and indicated that claims 51 and 52 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objection and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 50 and 52, canceled claim 51, and added new claims 56-58. Claims 1-6, 13-18, 25-30, 37-39, 41-44, 46-50, and 52-58 are currently pending.

In response to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 51 and 52 (Office Action at page 6), Applicant has amended claim 50 to include the subject matter of claim 51 and has rewritten claim 52 in independent form to include the subject matter recited in independent claim 50. Applicant has also added new, dependent claims 56-58 that depend from claim 52. This amendment overcomes the rejection and renders claims 1-6, 13-18, 25-30, 37-39, 41-44, 46-50, and 52-58 in condition for allowance.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 12, 2010

By: /David W. Hill/
David W. Hill
Reg. No. 28,220